



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-1633-A)**

In re Application of:)
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 Storhoff, et al.)
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Serial No. 10/612,422)
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Filed: July 2, 2003)
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For: Nanoparticle Polyanion Conjugates and)
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 Methods of Use Thereof in Detecting)
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 Analytes)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 18, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Office action dated October 18, 2006. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a further fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490. In addition, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

An **Amendments to the Claims** section can be found on page 2; and
A **Remarks** section can be found on page 5.